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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Thierry DESLANDES, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/392,585

Group Art Unit: 2152

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For: PROCESS FOR MONITORING THE CONSUMPTIONS OF FRANKING  
MACHINES

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

Claim 1 (Three Times Amended). A process for monitoring the consumptions of a plurality of franking machines through a public communication network, at least one of the franking machines being electrically isolated from the public communications network, the process comprising the steps of:

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